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because we lost, I thought, 10 days at the start of the session. This is cutting 15 days back. This is, this is going from 90 to 75. In my, my thinking it cuts too much. So what I'm suggesting with this amendment is allow that December meeting time to not count toward the 75 days, and then you have sort of a compromise. You end up kind of where we're at. You save time by meeting in December, as Senator Lindsay said, it's more efficient. At the same time you also reduce the overall days, so you end up about where we're at right now. I had hoped to gain, to have more time to do the work that we're doing. What Senator Lindsay is doing is we'll save time by doing the December, but let's cut the number of days and end up where we're at. So this amendment is a proposal to allow us to meet in December but not have it count against the 75 days. If this amendment does not go, this is my best attempt at a compromise on this issue. But if it does not go, my concern about reducing the number of days is so great I will not be supporting the underlying amendment that Senator Lindsay has because I think we cut too much back, we will not be able to do the work we need to do. But with this amendment I feel like we've reached an equilibrium that's fair and reasonable and reduces the days we meet but uses those days more efficiently, and so I'm asking you to support this amendment in the hopes that we reach some compromise on the issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We are waiting for Senator Brashear, I understand, is the only member who is officially present but is not accounted for at this time. And he is here. Senator Wesely, I did not recall you asking for any specific type of vote so we'll proceed with a machine vote. The question before the body is, shall the Wesely amendment to the Government Committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not adopted. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, additional items.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1342-1389 by title for the first time.) In addition, Mr. President, new resolutions. (Read summary of LR 307-312.) In addition,